

"A Spiritual Fathers Last Words" III

2 Timothy II

Faith Displaced

09:55 am 5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO

10:00 am **LIVE Worship –

10:25 am LIVE SHOT –

WELCOME to The Peak CC Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged...

***Online Connect Card * RightNow Media**

***Opening Prayer* - Blessing of Contributions -**

Stand by for Announcements

10:30 AM ****Announcements Video** - Tithing

10:37 am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - *Self Intro* -

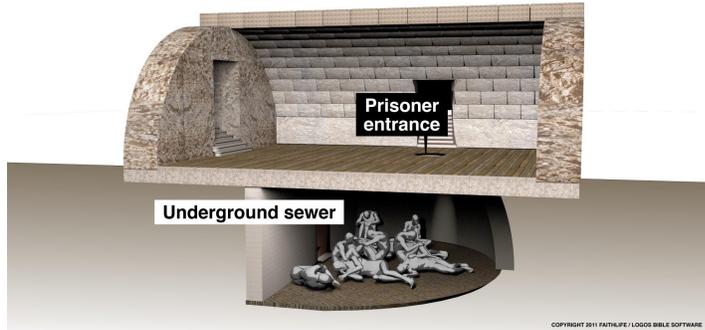
**NEXT SUNDAY 4th of JULY - NO IN PERSON SERVICE -
ONLINE ONLY**

**Save the Date July 11th Bill Kirk - please come prepared to
honor & bless him**

**we started this NEW SERMON SERIES titled “A Spiritual
Father’s Last Words” by acknowledging that there is Power in
the Written Word**

**During Paul's 2nd imprisonment. - *unlike the 1st house
arrest***

The Tullianum: A Prison in Rome



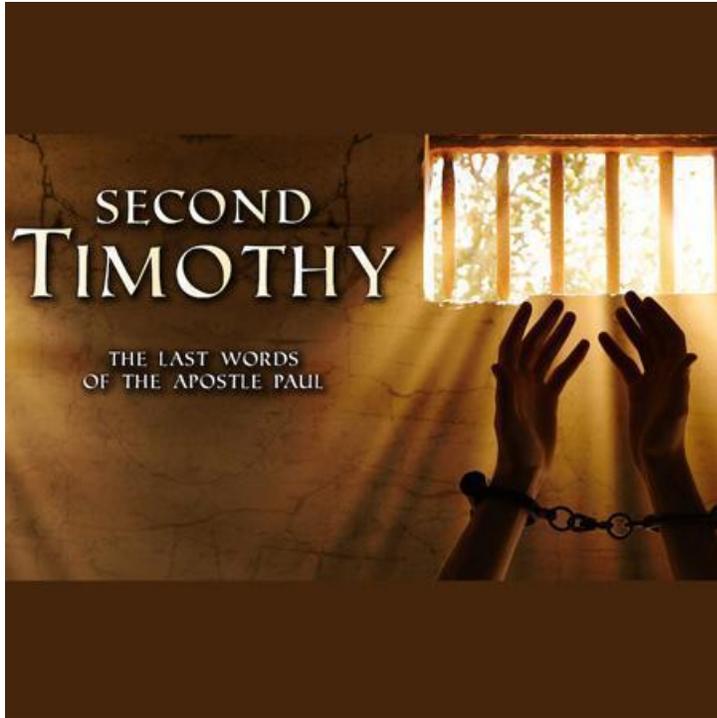
THIS Prison could have been called the “*House of Darkness.*”

He expected to be found guilty, in all likelihood, be **KILLED for hating humankind.**

It’s in *this* backdrop that we read his letter to Timothy, a young disciple.

It’s funny,.... Something happens the way you think when faced with death.

Paul being oppressed and stripped of all personal rights & possessions and now faced with death itself...



The 1st week we did an Intro & covered his greeting...

Last week we spoke about Timothy's HERITAGE, & the faith that was passed down to him from his grandmother & mother.

How & why his faith was genuine, and that he was to stir up the gift of God which was in him through the laying on of Paul's hands.

****1 Tim 4:14** NKJV

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the *laying on of the hands of the eldership*.

This is why we have altar calls? Why we lay our hands on people when we pray for them? Why we anoint with oil?

We Fulfill the Biblical mandate!!

Apology.... - last week's altar call missed...

He further reminded his spiritual son...

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

We have within us:

- 1) The POWER of God, through the Holy Spirit, enabling us to NO LONGER be victims but be VICTORIOUS
- 2) The perfect LOVE of God, poured into our lives through Jesus Christ & His abiding Presence.
- 3) The MIND of Christ by which we can apply the ways of God in making “sound” choices .

How we apply this truth family, will determine whether we OVERCOME fear, or are overcome by it.

1 John 5:4 NKJV

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Encourage you to go listen to last week's message & Intro....

****Message & App PLUG - SLICK / STILL**



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Today we're picking up....

****2 Tim 1: 8–12** NKJV

Therefore do *not be ashamed* of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has *abolished death* and *brought life* and *immortality* to *light through the gospel*, to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know *whom I have believed* and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Opening Prayer

FAITH DISPLACED

What's more important? The WHAT? Or, the WHO?

The smart answer would be,” it all depends on what we’re discussing” RIGHT?!

When it comes to FAITH we must understand *WHAT* we’re talking about & *WHO* it is that initiates it.

After all... How can we have & hold on to something that is so ill defined & uncomprehended?

Let's see if this illustration can help....

****VIDEO - Illustration “Faith Refocused”**

Paul’s statement here in today’s text is not placing the emphasis so much on *WHAT* we believe.... But *WHOM*

The Jew’s *KNEW* scripture... They *KNEW* the promises, the *COVENANT*.... But the heart of the matter was far from them....

In other words... they believed in the “*WHAT*”.... But it had *NO POWER* to help them, change them, or grow them...

They had a form of religion.... But denied the power thereof.

The focus of FAITH is knowing WHOM we believe, NOT merely WHAT we believe.

Faith is more than understanding a particular promise - faith is KNOWING JESUS, who according to the Book of Hebrews..., “is the Author & the Finisher of our FAITH.”

****Hebrews 11:1** NKJV

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is knowing *that you know*, in your internal knower...

Remember v.7?

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. -> Safe Thinking -> What you KNOW

In those days of heavy persecution, christian leaders who remained loyal to Christ, who “*Kept the Faith*”, were almost certain to be met with suffering for the sake of the GOSPEL.

This is why he starts V. 8 with an admonishment; do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel

Paul encourages Timothy not to be embarrassed about the message of the gospel—including Christ’s shameful death on the cross—or his imprisonment.

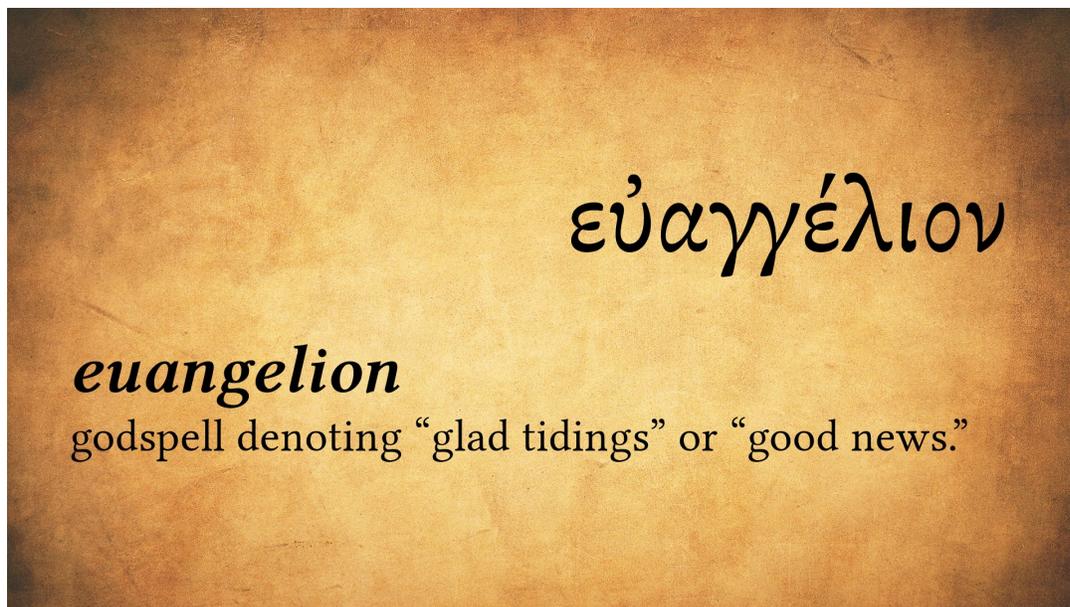
I would like to encourage YOU this morning... do not be embarrassed of who you were before knowing Jesus. Do not be ashamed to speak of WHAT God has done THROUGH JESUS CHRIST His Son. Declare the WHAT through the WHOM.

Instead, Paul is saying.... “God’s power at work in suffering should cause Timothy to boast of the gospel without shame.

It is what causes me to BOAST about Jesus! When I can declare HOW HE HIMSELF... scraped me off the bottom of the floor in the deepest of pits and healed me, gave me LIFE, and a SOUND MIND, and placed at this PEAK.

The Gospel!! What is it?

V. 10 says, “but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,”



The meaning of "gospel" is "Godspell, Anglo-Saxon word meaning “God story”, or good news."

It is the good news about God's story of his salvation plan for mankind.

Specifically, as another has said: "The gospel is a message about God, a message about sin, a message about Jesus Christ, and a summons to faith and repentance."

That's why the Apostle Paul, being anything but politically correct, stated unequivocally, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."

It's interesting to note that in the OT the term *Gospel* Declared Glad tidings concerning the birth of a son (Jer 20:15)

Or deliverance from personal affliction (Ps 40:9);

the choice of a king (1 Kgs 1:42)

victory in battle (1 Sm 31:9)

or Israel's salvation from foreign powers (1 Chr 16:23), particularly Assyria (Na 1:15) and Babylon (Is 40:9);

Naturally such news would be proclaimed widely.(1 Sm 31:9)

spread rapidly. (2 Sm 18:19–31)

and declared and received joyfully. (2 Sm 1:20).

What's even MORE interesting to note is that ALL of those Glad tidings declared throughout the OT is singularly fulfilled in ONE DECLARATION of JESUS CHRIST!!

Don't put your faith in the promise itself, but in the ONE who fulfills the Promise!!

Listen to me.... Vital FAITH RESTS in Him

****1 Timothy 4:10** New King James Version

To this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

Vital FAITH ABIDES in Him

****John 15:4-7** New King James Version

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do

nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Vital FAITH cannot be separated from Him

Romans 8:38-39 New King James Version

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

FAITH is the outflow of a continual walk with Jesus, KNOWING HIM -- in WHOM we believe.

Do YOU KNOW HIM? NOT “*of*” Him, KNOW HIM?

This is NOT a “Call to Action” to His Promises... It’s a “Call to Action ” towards HIM.

JESUS IS THE GOSPEL MESSAGE!!

Have you ever met Him at the ALTAR? Open up your heart to Him? Asked Him to cleanse you , heal you, forgive you?

Have you received the GIFT by the laying on of hands from the eldership?? According to God’s Word??

I’d like to be able to pray for you this morning.

Perhaps you stumbled across this post online by accident. Or someone invited you out of the blue..

Can I encourage you this morning... right there where you are, build an altar to the Lord and surrender your heart...

will you close your eyes and bow your heads w/ me??

Dear God, salvation prayer...

Closing Prayer....

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

If this was the 1st time that you really dedicated yourself to Jesus... Recognized Him as NOT only your Savior.... But also, your KING...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us..... [HYPERLINK "http://www.thepeakcc.com/new-member"](http://www.thepeakcc.com/new-member) www.thepeakcc.com/new-member Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

***“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”***

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

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